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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

§102 Rejections

Claims 18 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Herbert (US # 5,757,919). Applicant has canceled claim 18 and amended claim 21 to depend from objected to claim 19, which is now allowable as discussed below. Thus, claim 21 is allowable by virtue of at least its dependency from claim 19, and the rejection to claim 21 can now be removed. The rejection to canceled claim 18 is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 4, 6-12, 15-17, 25 and 27-30 are expressly allowed. Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 3, 4, 6-12, 15-17, 25 and 27-30.

Claims 19, 20, and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 19 to include the limitations of base claim 18. Therefore, claim 19 is allowable, and the objection to claim 19 may now be removed. Furthermore, claims depending from claim 19 are also allowable. Thus, claim 20 which depends from claim 19 is allowable by virtue of at least this dependency.

1 Claim 22 has also been amended to include the limitations of base claim 18.
2 Therefore, claim 22 is allowable, and the objection to claim 22 may now be
3 removed.
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5 **Conclusion**

6 All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant
7 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present
8 application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the
9 application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to
10 discuss the unresolved issue.
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14 Respectfully Submitted,
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